(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to treat the toxic industrial wastes and effluents discharged from the industries regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND[1] FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal by Delhi Administration to set up common effluent treatment plants in five industrial areas of Delhi.

(c) Steps taken to ensure regular treatment effluents discharged from industries include the following:—

(i) Industries are being persuaded to put up effluent treatment plants; and

(ii) 167 prosecutions have been launched against the defaulting industries in Delhi under the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

(iii) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has prepared a plan to treat 1500 MLD of waste water from domestic and industrial sources before discharging into the river Yamuna.

(iv) Delhi Administration has a plan to give subsidy upto 50 per cent of the cost of the plant and equipment required for control of pollution, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- per unit for small and medium scale industries.

Plastic Industries

3284. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Development of India issued directions that they would not finance the plastic industries in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to relax the conditions imposing a ban on financing of plastic industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) and (b) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that it has advised the primary lending institutions to consider assistance only for modernisation and technology upgradation of existing plastic processing units for improving their viability as also to support on a selective basis new grassroot projects in high technology areas especially for the manufacture of industrial components.

Increase in the Rent of Premises hired by M.M.T.C.

3285 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVTYA; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. is inquiring about the unusual increase in the rent of the premises hired by the M.M.T.C, in the Indian Express Building in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) CBI is making an inquiry into the increase in rent of the premises occupied by Mineral and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited ' in the Indian Express Building in New Delhi.

शहरों में रहने वाले निर्धन व्यक्तियों के लिए स्व-रोजगार योजना

3286. **श्री अजीत सिंह :**
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि शहरी क्षेत्रों में गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे रहने वाले परिवारों को स्वरोजगार प्रदान करने के लिये गत वर्ष एक योजना आरम्भ की गई थी, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना के अन्तर्गत कितने व्यक्तियों से आवेदन प्राप्त